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HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
WILLIAM P. BLACK, SR.

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. William Black, lovingly known to Louisianians as Buckskin Bill. He passed away on January 10, 2018, in the comfort of his home and surrounded by family. Mr. Black had an incredible life. He married Elma, his college sweetheart, and was the proud father of three children who survive his memory. Mr. Black was a patriot who honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and he was a performer at heart. He traveled the country emceeing and performing to audiences of troops in order to boost morale. Mr. Black was probably best known for hosting Storyland and the Buckskin Bill Show, shows enjoyed in every household and loved by children across South Louisiana—including me. As a kid, I woke up early every Monday morning for Buckskin Bill's Monday Morning March. I remember thinking I was getting pretty good at it, too. His shows ran for 35 years, and Mr. Black was twice awarded "Best Children's Show in the United States" by the National Association of Broadcasters. Outside of his television accomplishments, his life was marked by a dedication to improving the lives of those around him, from assisting in the foundation of the Baton Rouge Zoo, to promoting the Louisiana School for the Deaf. Mr. Black was truly a man dedicated to his community and endearing children to civic engagement. I am proud to have enjoyed his shows growing up, and I know he will be marching on among the angels in heaven. Buckskin Bill will be fondly remembered by myself, his family, and all the lives he touched through his performances.

RECOGNIZING COACH LELAND
ETZLER

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 78th birthday of coach Leland Etzler of Monroeville, Indiana. From 1965 to 2004, Leland coached the Woodlan Warriors' Junior/Senior High School football, basketball, and track teams. He finished his football career with an overall record of 287–117–4.

Among his many distinguished achievements at Woodlan, Coach Etzler was named Conference Coach of the Year from 1971 to 1973 and in 1996. Additionally, he was named IFCA Coach of the Year in 1996, and the Ball State Alumni Coach of the Year in 1981. He also orchestrated three perfect seasons in 1965, 1968, 1970, and was a State Runner-up in 1981.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Coach Etzler received the National Football Foundation's Distinguished American Award in

2005, and he was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

I would like to wish a happy birthday to Coach Etzler.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF SEARS,
MAN OF THE YEAR FOR THE AN-
CIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS,
DIVISION 2 OF LACKAWANNA
COUNTY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Sears, who was named Man of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 2 of Lackawanna County, "Monsignor Farrell Chapter." Jeff accepted the award during the chapter's annual banquet on Saturday, February 24. He is the current Vice President of the Monsignor Farrell Chapter and serves the branch as acting president for the late William Pryle.

Jeff is a graduate of Saint Rose High School in Carbondale, class of 1971. After graduation, Jeff went straight to work for RCA/Thomson Consumer Electronics, where he remained for 30 years. He went on to work for Auto Parts International after RCA/Thomson. He currently resides in Moosic, Pennsylvania with his wife, Mary Kay. They have been married for 46 years and have three children—Cathy, Kelly, and Jeff—and two grandchildren, Julian and Ella. Jeff enjoys golfing in his free time and is an avid New York Yankees fan and a Cincinnati Bengals fan.

Jeff has been a very active member of the community. In the Boy Scouts of America, he was an Assistant Scout Leader for Troop 8 and Cub Pack 307. While Jeff was with the Scouts, he attained the Wood Badge, the highest award given to adults. He is a past president of the Mitchell Hose Company in Carbondale. Jeff has served as the Carbondale Pioneer Days Parade Chairman for five years. He is also a life-long member of St. Rose Parrish Church and serves his community of faith as a Eucharistic minister.

It is an honor to recognize Jeff as he accepts the Man of the Year Award. I congratulate him for being honored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and I wish him all the best as he continues to serve Lackawanna County.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF CHEYNEY UNIVER-
SITY'S 1978 NCAA DIVISION II
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the momentous 40th anniversary of Cheyney University's 1978 NCAA Division II Basketball Championship win.

Founded in 1837, Cheyney University has been a true treasure in our Commonwealth for over 180 years. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the proud home of the first Histori-

cally Black College (HBCU) in our nation; it is also the only HBCU in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

On March 18th, 2018 Cheyney University will celebrate the 40th anniversary of its notable NCAA Division II Basketball Championship win. The team made history in 1978 when they defeated the University of Wisconsin Green Bay's team with a score of 47–40 in Springfield, Missouri bringing home the University's first national championship victory.

Just as our victorious Super Bowl Champions, the Philadelphia Eagles, defied all the odds to prove that underdogs can and will be victorious so too did the No. 4 ranked Cheyney State College Wolves who defeated the No. 1 ranked Wisconsin Green Bay team in the 1978 NCAA Division II Basketball Championship game.

We extend congratulations to the entire 1978 Cheyney Wolves Team which included: John Butts, Duane Coleman, All-American Milt Colston, Tournament MVP Andrew Fields, Kenny Hinson, Jeffrey Hutcherson, Roger Leysath, Gerald Mills, Charles Murphy, Gilbert Saunders, Arthur Stone, and John Walter; under the leadership of Naismith Hall of Fame Coach John Chaney.

The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania is proud to celebrate and recognize Cheyney University on the 40th anniversary of their historic 1978 NCAA Division II championship win.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call Vote No. 66 on H.R. 4771, the Small Bank Holding Company Relief Act of 2018, I mistakenly recorded my vote as YEA when I intended to vote NAY.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM TATE
ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Tate of Meridianville, Alabama on the occasion of his 90th birthday, and join Mr. Tate's family and friends in congratulating him on this momentous milestone. I sincerely wish Mr. Tate continued good health and contentment.

As so many in our community know, Mr. Tate has led an extraordinary life full of accomplishment and service to others. Through his lifetime, he has shown exemplary dedication to his family, church, and farming community—all of which are undeniably stronger and more prosperous because of him. Mr. Tate transformed his small family farm into a thriving agritourism business visited by more than 60,000 every year, and all four of his sons have chosen careers in farming—a point of pride for Mr. Tate.

Mr. Speaker, parenthetically, my own children and grandchildren have all enjoyed family and school field trips to Tate Farms.

Mr. Tate's record of service to our community is exceptional. He has served in numerous civic and industry positions including on the Farm Service Agency Community Committee, Madison County Farmers Federation Board of Directors, Alabama Farmers Federation Cotton Committee, U.S. Department of Agriculture Cotton Board, Alabama Cotton Commission, and Madison County YMCA Board of Directors, just to name a few. As a member of Flint River Baptist Church, Mr. Tate has served as a Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, Trustee, and Deacon Emeritus, among others. Mr. Tate has set a fine example for others in our community to follow.

In closing, I would like to thank Mr. Tate for his contributions to our community, and wish him a very happy 90th birthday.

*IN RECOGNITION OF TOM MCCOY,
PH.D.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tom McCoy, Ph.D., Vice President of Research and Innovation, as he retires from his position at the University of North Texas.

Dr. McCoy joined UNT from his role as Vice President for Research, Creativity and Technology Transfer at Montana State University in July 2013 where he had previously helped MSU reach Carnegie Tier One research status. In assuming the role at UNT, Dr. McCoy was charged with similar expansion of the university's growth, breadth and impact in research toward the Tier One status here in Texas. Ultimately, UNT was announced as reaching the classification in February 2016.

Additionally, Dr. McCoy ably led UNT's path forward with the development of the 2017–2022 Strategic Plan for Research which was approved by the President and submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This was accomplished, along with continued efforts on organization and funding related to the four Institutes of Research Excellence; pursuit of partnerships involving the Army Research Lab and also Denton Municipal Electric; recruitment of targeted research faculty; review of grant management processes; and review and allocation of research facilities and related processes.

I have personally appreciated Dr. McCoy's direct involvement and assistance with the Annual Energy Efficiency Summit held each July at UNT's Discovery Park and the educational opportunity it affords the Constituents of the 26th Congressional District and the showcase it provides of UNT's facilities and research efforts. I wish both he and his wife Shari much happiness in their retirement plans. I have been honored to represent them during their time as residents in Texas.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT J.
WASTE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Robert J. Waste on the occasion of his retirement as Director of UC Davis Health's Government and Community Relations Program. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Waste for his leadership and commitment to UC Davis Health, as well as for his dedication to the strength of the greater Sacramento region.

Since joining UC Davis Health (UCDH) eight years ago, Mr. Waste has been instrumental in building the Government and Community Relations Program into what it is today. His leadership has led to such revolutionary projects as the creation of the UCDH Infant Cord Blood Banking Program, the Burn Outcome Research Institute, and the UCDH Center for Behavioral Health Excellence—the multi-year Mental Health Collaborative that resulted in strengthening Sacramento County crisis mental health services.

In addition to his work in UC Davis Health's Government and Community Relations Program, Mr. Waste has also been an active member of the Sacramento community. Mr. Waste's experience includes service as chair and member of the City of Sacramento Planning Commission, membership on the Sacramento Heritage Board, and chair of the City of Sacramento Campaign Reform Commission.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to Mr. Robert Waste, outgoing Director of UC Davis Health's Government and Community Relations Program, as his friends and colleagues celebrate his well-earned retirement. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring his tenacity and dedication on behalf of the Government and Community Relations Program, as well as his dedication to the Sacramento region.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS HOWARD

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Thomas Howard for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The son of Bob and Susan, Thomas is a sophomore at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA. Thomas has been an active member of Cub Scout Pack 194 and Boy Scout Troop 648. He is an active leader on the local and national level, most notably serving as Patrol Leader at the National Jamboree. He currently serves as Junior Assistant Scout Master for his Troop.

For Thomas' Eagle Service Project, he led a team of scouts, friends, and adults to create thirty-seven, 2x3' environmental awareness poster puzzles for the Fairfax County Park Authority and invested over two-hundred and thirty-four service hours. With his dedication and leadership, every Park Authority building in the

county now has access to these learning tools.

In addition to scouting, Thomas is an altar server at St. Thomas More Cathedral, a National SeaPerch competitor, and Mission Manager for Bishop O'Connell's ThinSat satellite program.

I am honored to recognize Thomas for his achievement and wish him all the best in his continuing education.

RECOGNIZING WORLD HEARING
DAY 2018

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Hearing Healthcare Caucus, I rise today to recognize World Hearing Day, which is held on March 3rd of each year to provide awareness focused on the importance of hearing preservation, hearing loss identification, and treatment. This day, founded by the World Health Organization, moves the needle as it relates to hearing healthcare in the United States.

Hearing plays a critical role in one's quality of life and personal safety. We rely on hearing to feel connected to the world around us. Over 37 million adults in America suffer from hearing loss, and we're seeing a growing number of children as well. Hearing loss has been tied to depression, economic hardship, and underlying medical conditions. Hearing aids are a proven method of rehabilitation for the majority of those who have lost their ability to hear. Yet just 30 percent of those who could be helped by hearing aids use them.

That's why I joined my colleague from California, Mr. THOMPSON, in introducing H. Res. 740, which expresses support for the designation of March 3rd as World Hearing Day, and recognizes the importance of hearing loss prevention and hearing healthcare access. I encourage my colleagues in the House to co-sponsor this resolution, and encourage all Americans to take appropriate steps to protect their hearing.

RECOGNIZING CHARMAINE KELLY

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the accomplishments and the public service record of Palm Beach County's Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Charmaine Kelly.

Ms. Kelly began her career with the Supervisor of Elections office as an election day worker, her earnings donated to a local charity in which she was active.

Noticing the talent and excitement of this young volunteer, the Supervisor of Elections office recruited her to work part-time, and then full-time, as an elections specialist. That was 35 years ago.

Ms. Kelly oversaw voting and voter registration in Palm Beach County, the third largest county in Florida and the 28th most populous